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## Viewing cable 04COLOMBO1857, SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA YIELDS SOFT LOANS, STRONGER LANGUAGE ON PEACE PROCESS

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">04COLOMBO1857</a>	2004-11-17 06:04	2011-08-30 01:44	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Colombo</a>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/17/2014  
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SUBJECT: SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA YIELDS SOFT LOANS, STRONGER LANGUAGE ON PEACE PROCESS

Classified By: AMB. JEFFREY J. LUNSTEAD. REASON: 1.4 (B,D).

----- SUMMARY -----

[11.](#) (C) President Chandrika Kumaratunga's November 3-7 working visit to India yielded USD 250 million in concessional loans; the announcement

----- PEACE, PROSPERITY ON BILATERAL AGENDA -----

[12.](#) (U) President Chandrika Kumaratunga's November 3-7 trip to India included a two-day working visit during which she met with Prime Minister

[13.](#) (SBU) Among the most tangible outcomes of Kumaratunga's visit, according to officials at the Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and t

[14.](#) (C) Besides the soft loans, the GSL was pleased with the strong support of the peace process the Indian Government signaled in the Joint

[15.](#) (C) In her conversations with Indian officials, President Kumaratunga came across as extremely optimistic and confident regarding the pe

----- TROUBLED WATERS -----

[16.](#) (SBU) Disputes over fishing rights also figured on the bilateral agenda. Wijewardene said that while Indian fishermen have long poached

----- DEFENSE COOPERATION; PALALY AIRFIELD -----

[17.](#) (C) The two governments also agreed to sign a Defense Cooperation Agreement and an MOU on Indian assistance to rebuild Palaly Airfield ir

[18.](#) (C) In separate conversations, both Indian DCM Kumar and Indian First Secretary Gill told us that the proposed agreement on rehabilitati

----- COMMENT -----

[19.](#) (C) The Indians' strong language on the peace process and soft money for development and fuel are obviously welcome demonstrations of supp  
LUNSTEAD